

REMARKS


At the time of the Office Action dated January 27, 2005, claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and claims 17-20 stand allowed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to properly indicate the status of the pending claims to clarify the record. The Office Action indicates that claims 1-16 are pending, and does not indicate that claims 17-20 are allowed.

In this Amendment, claims 1-16 have been cancelled, which has rendered the rejection of those claims moot. Therefore, Applicants submit that by the present Amendment, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment, and favorable consideration, are respectfully solicited pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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